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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TASCA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE

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FOR DEPUTY ASS'T SECRETARY DAVIES FROM TASCA

1. IN VIEW OF MY OBLIGATIONS HERE, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR MY PRESENCE TO DEAL WITH SEVERAL CRITICAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS AND FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I WOULD NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY FEBRUARY. I SUGGEST YOU INFORM ROSENTHAL SUBCOMMITTEE THAT AMBASSADOR TASCA WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY OR POSSIBLY THE FIRST DAYS OF MARCH. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU REGARDING A DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. I WOULD PROPOSE INCIDENTALLY TO SPEND THE MONTH OF MARCH IN U.S. ON HOME LEAVE. THIS COULD BE TIED IN TO MY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE APPEARANCES BEFORE THE CONGRESS. AS PER EARLIER INDICATIONS, I ASSUME THAT SENATOR JAVIT S AS WELL WOULD WISH TO SPEAK TO ME.

3. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT SUCH MEETING NOT ONLY REMAIN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BUT ALSO NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY PUBLIC SUMMARIES OR VERSIONS. THEY SHOULD BE IN THE NATURE OF PRIVATE BRIEFINGS. I TRUST THE DEPARTMENT WILL FIND IT
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POSSIBLE TO INSIST UPON THESE POINTS.

4. IN ADDITION, NEEDLESS TO SAY, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AN UP-TO-DATE POSITION REGARDING

OUR POLICY TOWARD GREECE AS IT AFFECTS NOT ONLY OUR SECURITY
INTERESTS BUT ALSO OUR DESIRE THAT GREECE RETURN TO
DEMOCRACY AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN THE INTEREST OF
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, GIVEN THE DEPTH OF CONCERN IN
CONGRESS, AND CONSIDERING THE PROBLEMS OF THE COHESIVENESS OF
THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.
TASCA

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